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Father Papa LEON and Father Vasile LEU

Reference: MOLA-3381, MOLA-3481, MOLA-3482

The Romanian Desk here is of the opinion that Father Papa LEON probably is none other than Father Vasile LEU, since Papa means Father, since the surnames are so similar, and since both are alleged to have SIS connections and SIS-inspired interests in U.S. DRUGS. This thought also had occurred to us, especially since no traces are held on Father LEON, although it was clearly stated in MOLA-3481 that, according to USAGE, LEON and LEU made separate approaches to US-DRIFTER. It is difficult to understand why USAGE would turn in data on LEON which was almost identical to that he submitted on LEU if he fabricated the information on a second approach to US-DRIFTER, and why in such case he would use a name which was a simple twist on the name LEU. We are inclined to believe, however, that there probably is only one Romanian priest who arrived from London, and that USAGE's intention has been to produce all possible evidence of alleged British interest in Romanian targets as the best means of pressurizing for support of his own proposed operations.

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